

Application No. 10/714,040
Amendment dated November 11, 2005
Reply to Advisory Action of October 26, 2005

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Cancel claims 1 and 12.

1. (cancelled)

2. (previously amended) The universal tie-down rail recited in claim 7 further comprising at least one additional bracket between said pair of brackets for reducing bending stresses in said thin wall tube.

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously amended) The universal tie-down rail recited in claim 7 wherein said vehicle is a pick-up truck.

5. (previously amended) The universal tie-down rail recited in claim 7 wherein said vehicle is a van.

6. (previously amended) The universal tie-down rail recited in claim 7 wherein said

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vehicle is a station wagon.

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12.

13. (previously amended) The universal tie-down rail recited in claim 7 further comprising a single aperture in a lower portion of each of said brackets for said mounting of said rail on said vehicle.

14. (currently amended) The universal tie-down rail recited in claim 7 further comprising at least one additional bracket for mounting said rail on said vehicle.